SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

1.The Integrity of the Home. v Mark 10:9.

Mark 10:9 What God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

THEME:-The Integrity of the Home.

INTRO:-I.Jesus' answer to the catch-question of the Pharisees.
1. Why Moses granted a commandment for a bill of divorcement.
2. Jesus' grounds for denying the right to divorce.
a/ Creation of male and female--God-ordained.
b/ the leaving of father and mother.
3. The apparent exception in Matthew.
All accounts agree that
a/ there can be no breaking of the marriage-tie without sin.
b/ there can be no marrying of a divorced person without sin.

II. What a full consideration of the "Home Problem" involves.
1. Based on a background covering the entire history of the human race.
a/ from matriarchy thru patriarchy and from polyandry thru polygamy to monogamy.
b/ from patriarchy to clan, tribe, and nation.
c/ the Home the basis and expression of all religious experience.

I. Some present-day dangers threatening the Home.

1. Economic conditions.
a/ City life. b/ industrial life. — child labor
2. Prevalent misconceptions of home-life.
a/ consideration given only to the pleasures and comforts of home-life with no or little regard for the mutual rights and sacrifices involved.
b/ the spirit of commercialism in the home.
1. social ostentation of the rich.
2. extravigant desires of the middle and poorer classes.
3. measuring character by rule of $s and cents.

I. 2. c/ the teachings of scientific socialism.
    the getting rid of capitalism, religion, and family.

- 3. Contempt for the Law governing Home-life.
    - a/ for the God-ordained laws of nature.
    - b/ for the man-instituted laws.
        - 1. reckless use of the marriage-tie.
        - 2. misuse of the divorce-law.
            - a/ looseness in the law.
            - b/ no unified law for all states.

II. How the dangers can be removed.

- 1. Betterment of the economic conditions.
    - a/ better dwellings---interurban homes.
    - b/ better labor conditions.
    - 2. c/ better business methods.
- 2. Prevalent conceptions must be corrected.
    - a/ our attitude towards home-life must be socialized.
        - 1. Marriage not a contract in the interests of the parties concerned.
        - 2. Marriage a social institution --the Unit upon which the whole social order rests.
    - 2 b/ our attitude towards home-life must be spiritualized.
        - 1. we must adopt the views of Jesus, which are from above.
        - 2. we must keep our own homes spiritually clean. "Cleanse first the inside of the platter that the outside thereof may become clean also."
    - c/ we must educate ourselves and others.
- 3. The Law must be respected, expressed, and used rightly.
    No divorce, but a separation and no remarriage.

CONCLUSION:- Realizing all that is involved in the question before us, let us to arms and free our Home from all besetting dangers and ourselves from any spirit of selfishness or commercialism.

2 The home is more than within the 4 walls of the house we live in — every influence touching the home is home. gov't - school - business - society

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